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FOUR LANING OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government proposes to widen National Highways in to four lanes linking the capitals of all the North Eastern States;

(b) if so, the details and the estimated cost thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to implement this proposal on Build Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken / being taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINSITER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) & (b) Agartala, Aizawal, Imphal, Itanagar, Kohima and Shillong are proposed to be linked to four lane National Highways under National Highway Development Programme (NHDP) III-B and Special Accelerated Road Development Programme − North-East (SARDP-NE). Guwahati falls on the alignment of East − West corridor which is already under construction to four lane standards. Gangtok is proposed to be linked through improved two lane National Highway under SARDP-NE. Since Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for projects under NHDP − III B and SARDP-NE are under preparation and no investment decision has so far been taken by the Government, except in the case of connectivity to Shillong and part connectivity to Kohima , the question of estimated cost does not arise.

(c) & (d) The four lane connecting to Aizawal, Imphal, Kohima, Itanagar and Shillong is to be implemented on BOT basis.

(e) The preparation of Detailed Project Reports/appointment of consultant are in progress.